

REMARKS

In the first preliminary amendment filed November 12, 2004, applicant amended the specification to correct informalities, provide antecedent basis for the claim language, and bring it into better conformance with U.S. practice. Original claims 1-2 were amended in formal respects to improve the wording and bring them into better conformance with U.S. practice. New claims 3-15 were added to provide a more comprehensive scope of coverage.

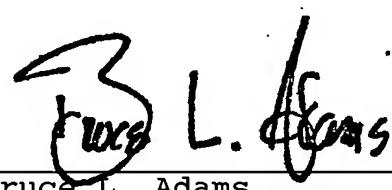
By this second preliminary amendment, a new sheet of drawing containing proposed new Fig. 6 is being submitted for consideration by the Examiner. Fig. 6 is being submitted to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) by showing the feature recited in independent claim 11 directed to the gate electrode 13 being disposed in overlapping relation with an end of the drain region 10. Support for this feature can be found in the abstract as originally filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

A new abstract which more clearly reflects the invention to which the amended and new claims are directed has been substituted for the original abstract.

Early and favorable action on the merits are
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

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